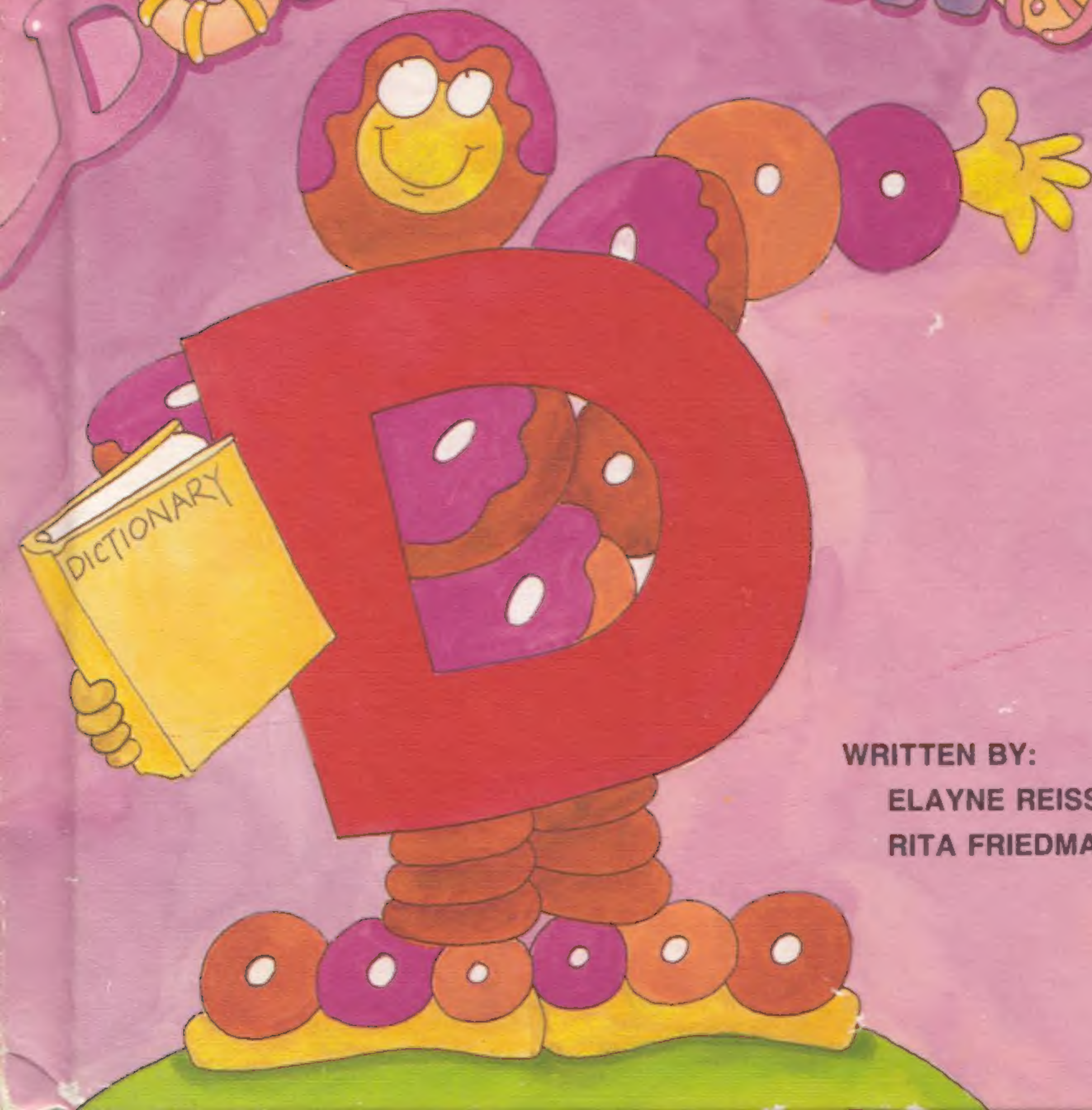


# THE DICTIONARY DOUGHNUT SHOP



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In Letter People Land there is a store called  
“Mr. D’s Delicious Doughnut Shop.”

Mr. D sells dozens of his delicious doughnuts every day.

“People like to buy doughnuts  
made with healthful ingredients,” says Mr. D.

“My business is so good I will start  
a doughnut delivery service.”





Mr. D asks Dossie to be in charge of his doughnut delivery service.

"I don't know anything about delivering doughnuts. I could not do a good job," says Dossie.

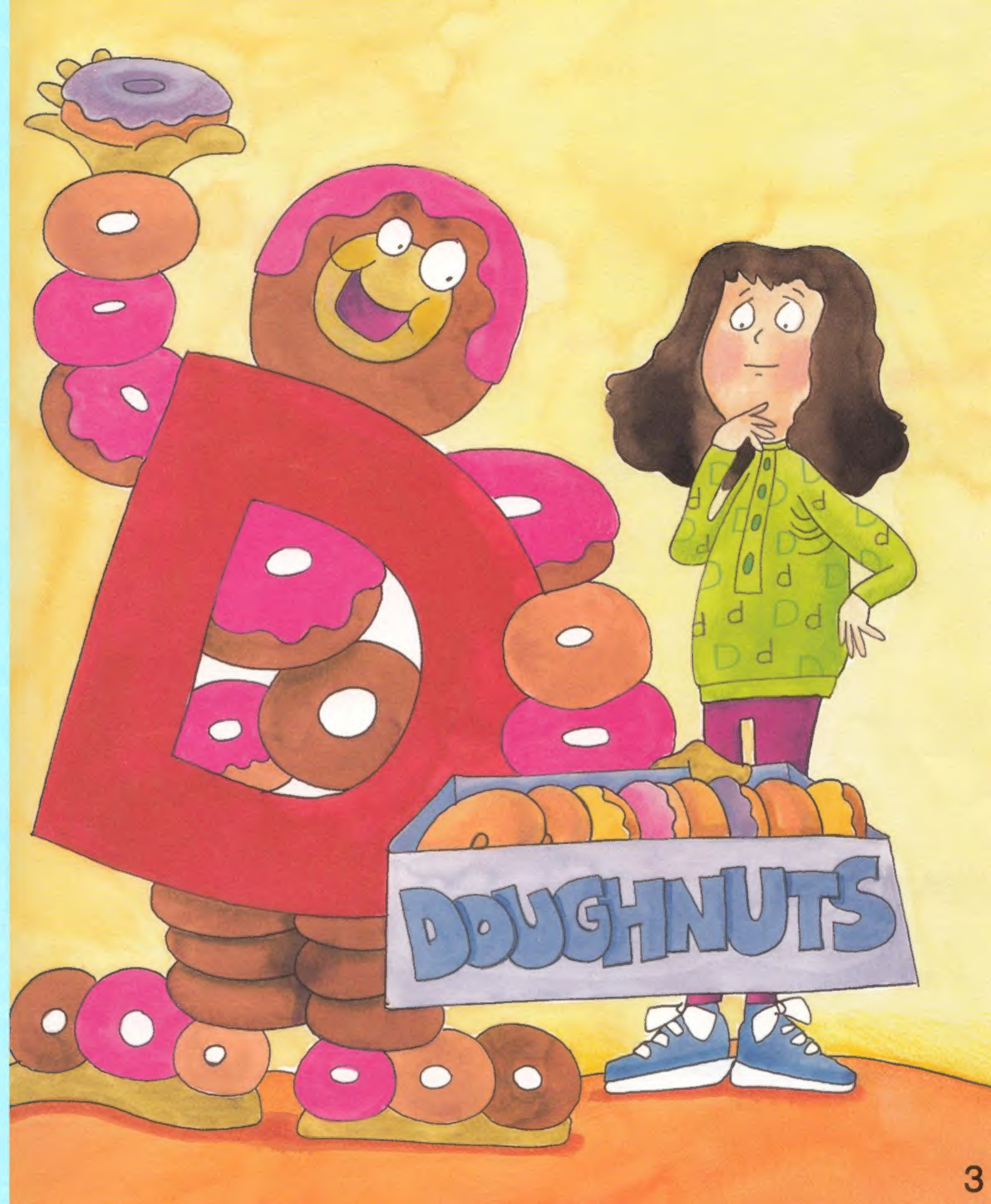
"Dossie, I will teach you," says Mr. D.

"Don't decide a job is too hard before you try."

"I'll try," says Dossie softly.

Mr. D shows Dossie how to pack doughnuts.

Mr. D teaches Dossie how to make deliveries.





Mr. D discovers that Dossie is very dependable.  
Dossie doesn't dilly-dally or daydream.  
Dossie does the job well, and Dossie does the job fast.  
One day Mr. D says, "Dossie, now I want to teach you  
to decorate doughnuts."  
"I would like to decorate doughnuts," says Dossie,  
"but I don't know anything about decorating doughnuts.  
I would not do a good job."  
"Dossie, don't decide a job is too difficult  
before you try it.  
I will teach you," says Mr. D.  
"I'll try," says Dossie quietly.





Mr. D shows Dossie how to work  
with the decorating tube to make different designs  
on the doughnuts.  
Dossie quickly learns to use  
the doughnut decorating tube.  
At first she copies Mr. D's designs.  
But soon Dossie makes her own designs.  
“Dossie,” says Mr. D, “you deliver and decorate  
doughnuts very well.  
I will teach you more about the doughnut business.”



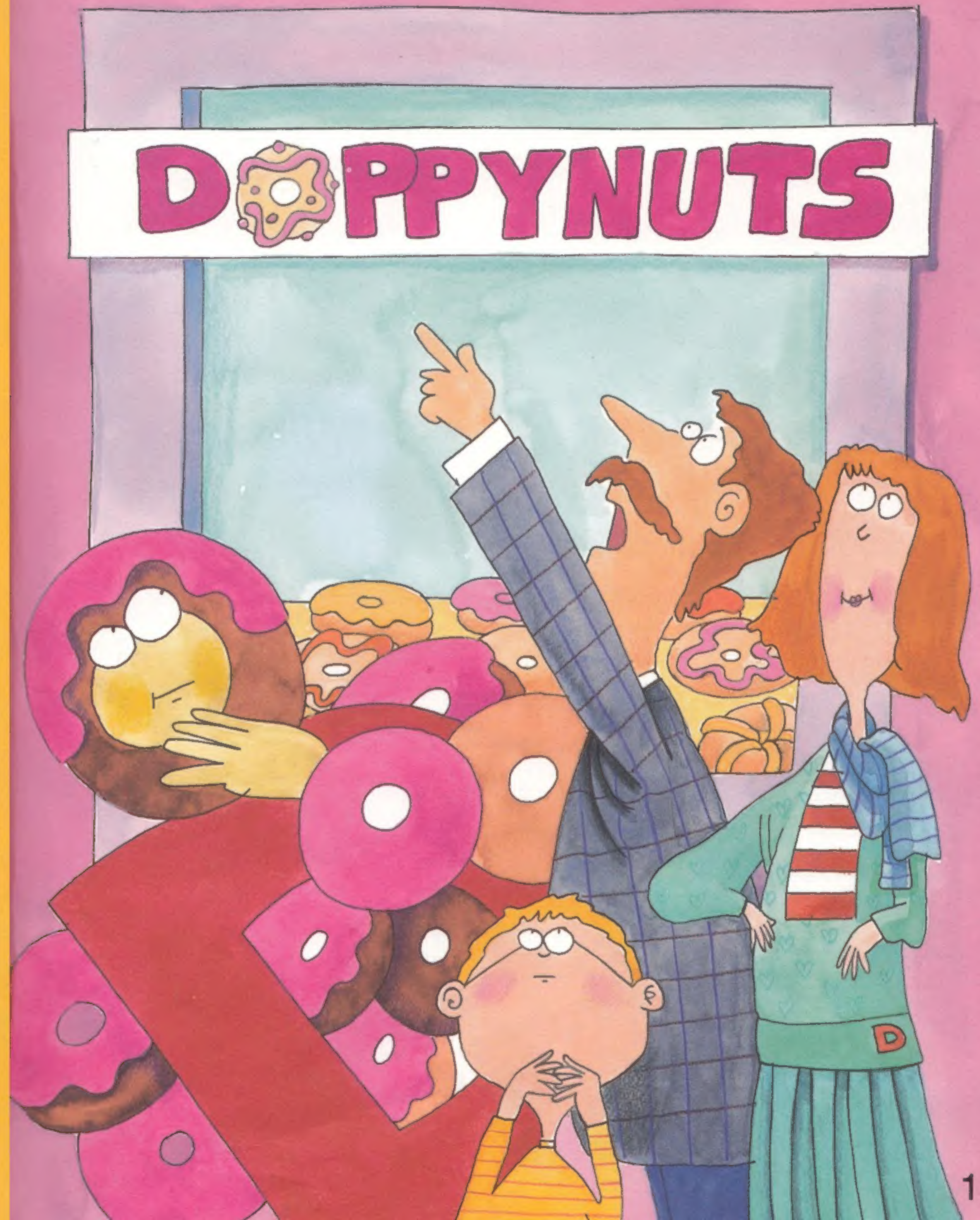


“Dossie, would you like to learn to design the store window display?” asks Mr. D.  
“I couldn’t do a good job,” says Dossie.  
“You have to believe in yourself,” says Mr. D.  
“You learned to deliver and decorate doughnuts. You can learn to design window displays.”  
Dossie thinks and thinks.  
At last she says, “I’ve decided to try.”  
Mr. D smiles.  
He shows Dossie how to make signs and how to arrange doughnuts in the window.  
Soon Dossie is designing beautiful displays.





Then one morning, customer after customer comes into the store asking for 'Doppynuts.'  
"What are 'Doppynuts'?" asks Mr. D.  
"The sign in your window says 'Doppynuts.'  
Don't you know what they are?" ask the customers.  
"Let me look at the sign in the window," says Mr. D.  
Mr. D and the customers go outside and look at the sign.  
"You are right," says Mr. D.  
"The sign does say 'Doppynuts.' "





Mr. D calls Dossie.

“Dossie,” he asks, “what are ‘Doppynuts’?”

“I never heard of ‘Doppynuts’,” says Dossie.

“But you wrote ‘Doppynuts’ on the sign in the window,” says Mr. D.

Dossie looks at the sign.

“I thought I wrote ‘doughnuts’,” she says softly.

“You didn’t spell ‘doughnuts’ correctly,” says Mr. D.

“I’m sorry,” says Dossie.

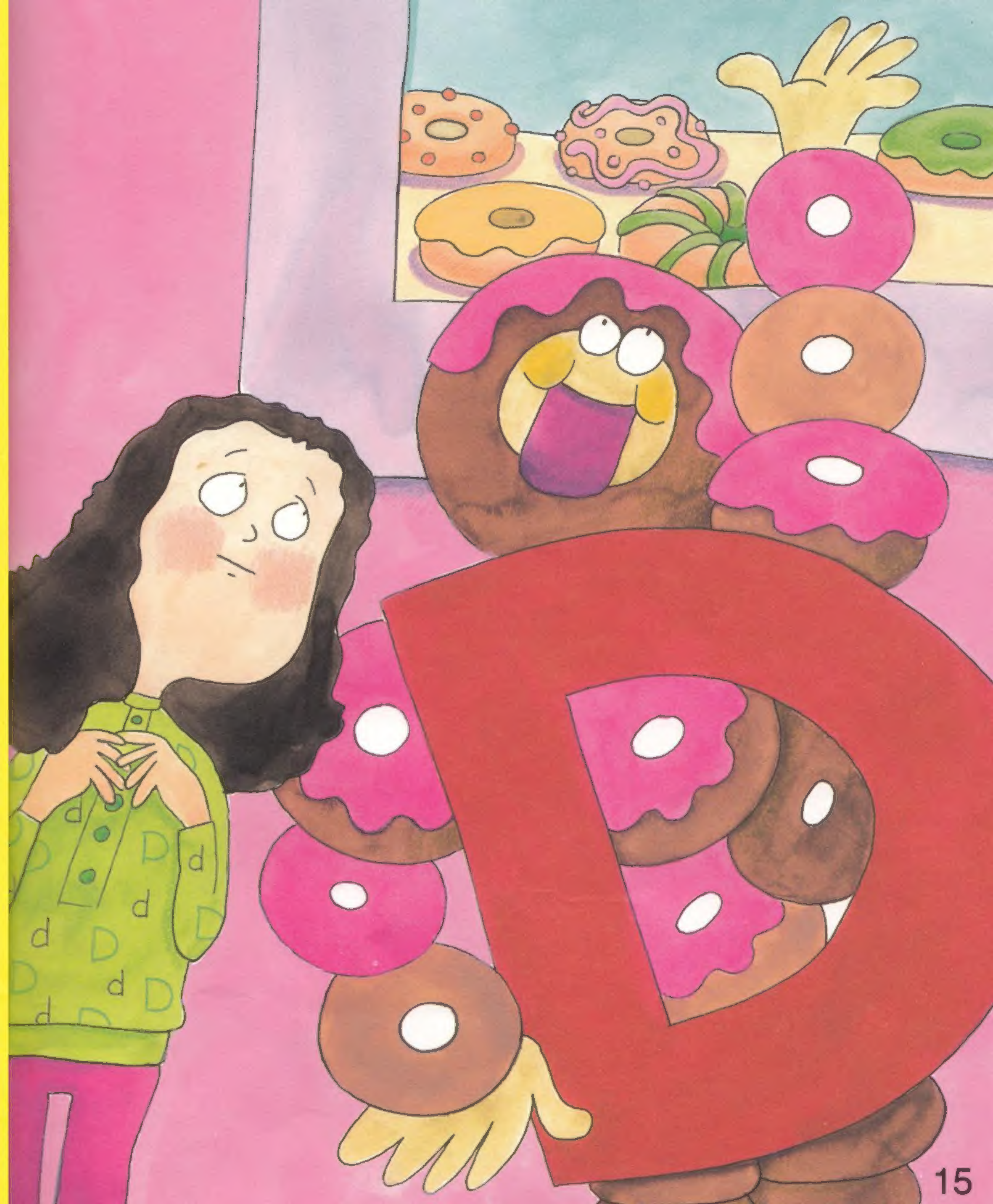
“I’m a bad speller.

From now on I’ll only use pictures on my signs.”



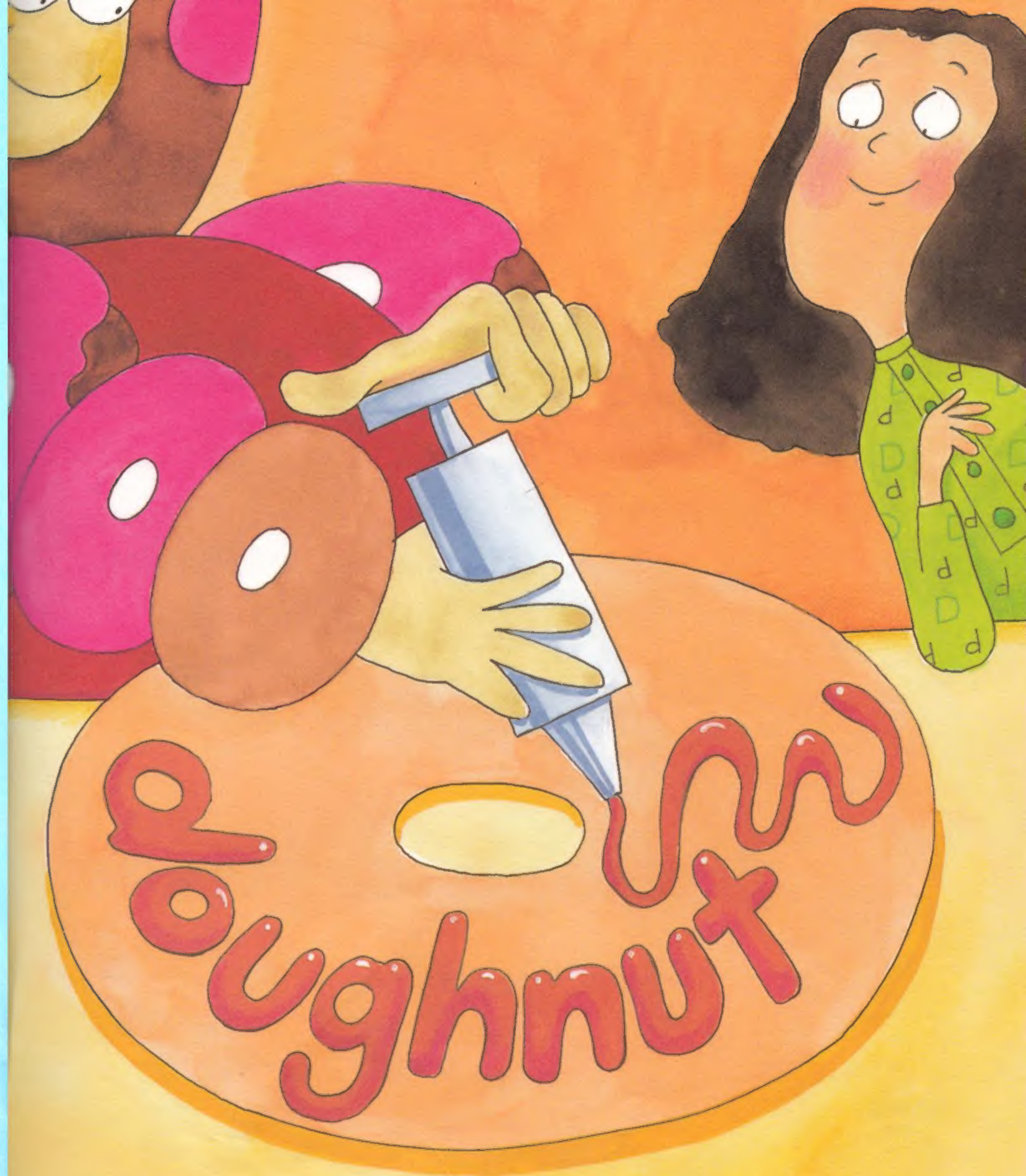


“Dossie, your signs are wonderful,” says Mr. D.  
“I want you to use both words and pictures.”  
“But I might spell the words wrong again.  
I am not a good speller,” says Dossie.  
“Dossie, you can learn to spell well,” says Mr. D.  
“I’ll help you.”  
“Mr. D, I’ve never been a good speller.  
I don’t think I could learn,” says Dossie.  
“Dossie,” smiles Mr. D, “you can do it.”  
Dossie thinks for a while.  
Then she says, “I’ve decided to try.”





That evening, Mr. D makes many huge doughnuts. Then he gets the doughnut decorating tube. "Dossie, watch me decorate this doughnut," says Mr. D. Instead of a design, Mr. D makes letter after letter. Soon there is a word on the doughnut. "Mr. D, you wrote the word 'doughnut' on the doughnut! May I do that too?" laughs Dossie. "Of course," smiles Mr. D. Dossie writes the word 'doughnut' on many doughnuts.





Then Dossie writes the names of animals on doughnuts.  
Mr. D helps her spell many different words.  
He gives her a dictionary so she can look up  
the words she doesn't know how to spell.  
“I am spelling many words on doughnuts,” says Dossie.  
“Tomorrow morning we can sell these doughnuts.  
We'll call them Word Doughnuts.  
I'll make a special sign for the store window.”  
“Dossie, that's a great idea!” says Mr. D.





The next morning, customers see the sign which says, 'Word Doughnuts on Sale Now.'

"What words do you have today?" asks a man.

"We have the names of many animals," says Dossie.

"I'll buy doughnuts with the words dog and dolphin," says the customer.

Dossie looks and looks for the words dog and dolphin.

But it is not easy for her to find them.

There are dozens of Word Doughnuts everywhere.

Finally the man says, "I cannot wait anymore.

Your Word Doughnuts are too disorganized."





“Tomorrow the Word Doughnuts won’t be disorganized,” says Dossie.

“Then I’ll come back tomorrow,” smiles the man.

“I have to think of a way to arrange the Word Doughnuts,” says Dossie to Mr. D. Dossie thinks of all the words in the dictionary. Then she decides on a plan.

“Mr. D, I know what to do!” she cries.

“I’ll arrange the Word Doughnuts the way the words in a dictionary are arranged.

Then finding Word Doughnuts will be easy.”





Dossie gets twenty-six trays,  
and makes twenty-six signs.

“Each letter of the alphabet will have its own tray  
and its own letter sign,” says Dossie.

She places a letter on each tray.

“Now I’ll find all the doughnuts that have words  
that start with the letter ‘A’,” says Dossie.

“I’ll put these doughnuts on the ‘A’ tray.”

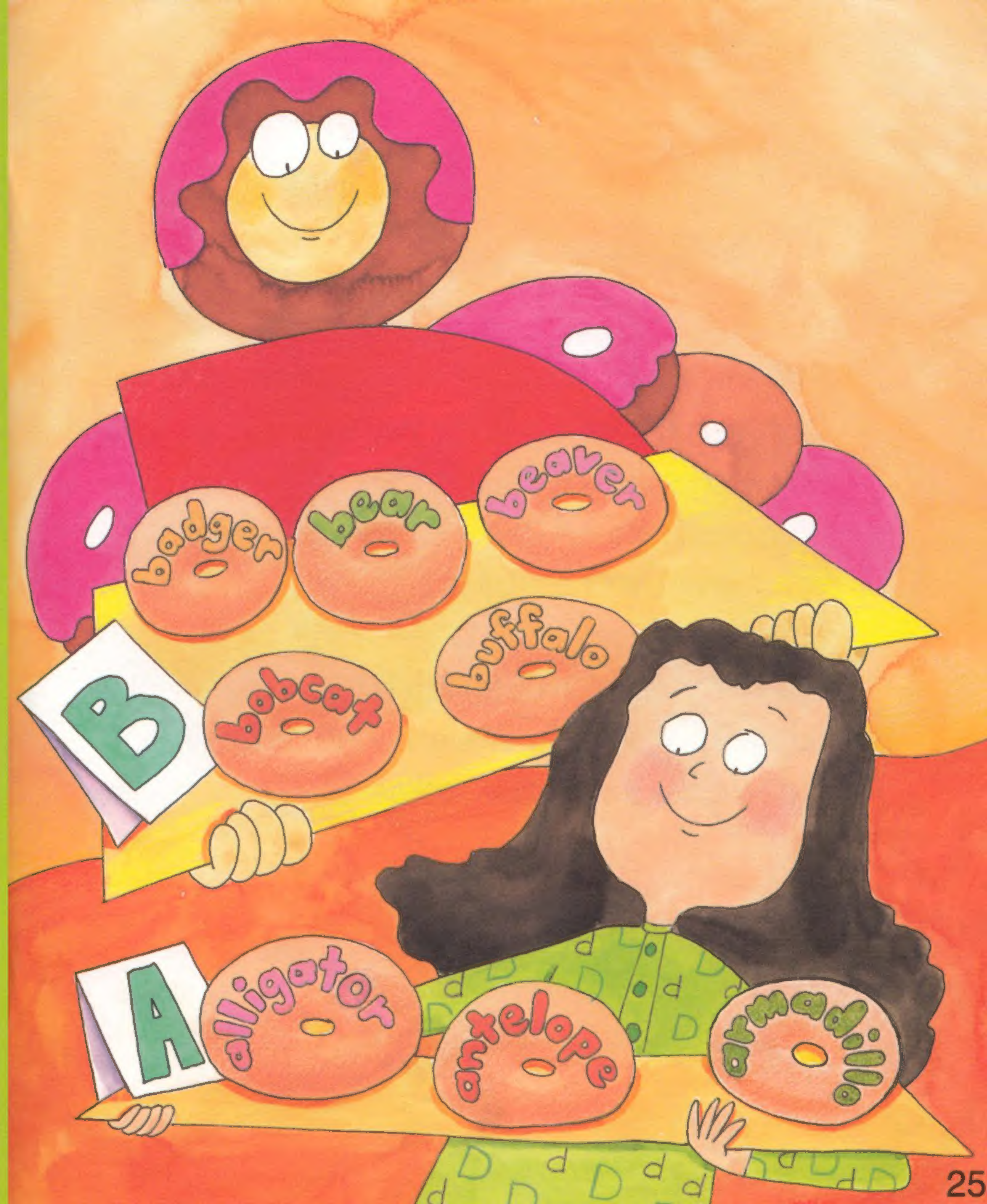
“I’ll find all the doughnuts that have words  
that start with the letter ‘B’,” says Mr. D.

“I’ll put these doughnuts on the ‘B’ tray.”

Dossie and Mr. D work together.

Soon there are Word Doughnuts on all twenty-six trays.

Dossie displays the doughnut trays in order  
from A to Z.





Dossie's idea for organizing the doughnuts works well. Customers choose the words they want from each tray. Dossie finds the doughnuts quickly. Soon customers ask Dossie to make doughnuts with special words on them. Dossie doesn't ask Mr. D to spell words for her. She uses the dictionary to help her spell new words. Dossie writes so many different words on doughnuts, she becomes a very good speller.





“Dossie, I am so proud of you,” says Mr. D.  
“You learned to deliver doughnuts.  
You learned to decorate doughnuts.  
You learned to design window displays.  
You learned to be a good speller  
by using the dictionary.  
And you thought of a dandy idea  
for organizing the Word Doughnuts.  
Dossie, do you believe in yourself now?”  
Dossie smiles a big, big smile.  
“Yes, I do,” she says happily.





Mr. D and Dossie sell dozens of Word Doughnuts daily.  
But if you go to Letter People Land, don't look  
for a store called "Mr. D's Delicious Doughnut Shop."  
The name of Mr. D's store has been changed.  
Now it is called "The Dictionary Doughnut Shop."

